

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 848 - HB 1119

February 17, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds “fire prevention” to the current statutory definition of “code” pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-20-101.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-20- 102, local legislative bodies may adopt or repeal a resolution setting the provisions of code.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-20-101, the definition of “code” includes rules and regulations for building construction, plumbing, and gas installation.
- This bill effectively authorizes local governments to add fire prevention regulation to code, provided the local legislative body adopts such regulation by resolution. As a result, the bill is permissive to local governments.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the bill will not fiscally impact the Department.
- Adoption of any fire code regulations would be accomplished at a regularly scheduled meeting of the local legislative body and no special meeting would be required.
- Based on information provided by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), and the Department of Commerce and Insurance, any increase in local expenditures for administering or enforcing a newly-adopted fire code, and any increase in local revenue due to violations of the newly-adopted fire code, is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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